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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR

1. CARIM TAHAN, TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN, WAS ASSASSINATED IN ROME ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9.

2. A YOUNG, THIN, WELL DRESSED MAN AMBUSHED THE AMBASSADOR IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE AT 1345. THE AMBASSADOR HAD JUST BEEN DRIVEN HOME BY HIS CHAUFFEUR WHO WAS PARKING THE AUTOMOBILE. HE WAS IN THE ACT OF OPENING THE RESIDENCE DOOR WHEN THE ASSAILANT STRUCK.

3. THE MAN WALKED UP BEHIND THE AMBASSADOR AND FIRED TWO SHOTS POINT BLANK FROM A 9 MM WEAPON HITTING THE AMBASSADOR IN THE MOUTH AND THORAX. HE DIED IN THE HOSPITAL AT 2000 AFTER VAIN ATTEMPTS BY THE HOSPITAL STAFF TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

4. THE "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ORGANIZATION" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE "FRANCE PRESS" AGENCY IN BEIRUT.

5. THE AMBASSADOR HAD A POLICE ESCORT UNTIL A SHORT TIME AGO BECAUSE OF THREATS HE HAD RECEIVED. THE ESCORT HAD BEEN

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RECENTLY DISCONTINUED AT HIS REQUEST.

6. THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE AT THIS TIME THAT THE ASSASSINATION HAS ANY RAMIFICATION TO CAUSE CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR AMBASSADOR. IT APPEARS TO BE RELATED STRICTLY TO TURKISH POLITICS.

7. THE "MODUS OPERANDI" IS OF INTEREST AND HIGHLIGHTS THE VULNERABILITY OF OUR PROTECTEES DURING THE MOMENTS OF ENTERING OR LEAVING THEIR RESIDENCE. GARDNER

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